

## SWT EAST MENDIP CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

### Summer 2024 Task programme



## Harridge Woods & other East Mendip SWT Reserves

Please note the September task is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – Cockles Fields. Clearing brash off the species rich meadow of Cockles Fields, this is left over from fallen trees. Meet at the Harridge entrance as normal and we will walk over the road to the reserve.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Harridge Wood West (TBC). Footpath clearance, removing brambles and other vegetation to ensure the footpaths remain open, an increasing issue with the increased light since the ash has gone.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Harridge Wood West. Pulling non-native invasive Himalayan Balsam to remove it from the woodland. It has decreased massively with EMCVs previous efforts but we need to keep going to eradicate it.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** – Harridge West. Pulling remaining Himalayan Balsam in the 2 patches.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – Harridge West. Ride management to maintain the biodiversity.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Harridge West. Scrub clearance from the outdoor classroom/benches area to help create mixed aged scrub.

**Meet at 10am, work until 1pm approx.** Tea & Coffee provided & biscuits. Wear old clothes, walking boots/wellies & work gloves/usually have spares. Waterproofs if wet, but if very wet or strong winds, phone first as may cancel workday if unsafe to work. Mobiles not always within reach of signal in woods.

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### **Directions to Harridge Woods, Nettlebridge, Oakhill. BA3 5AA**

Unless stated, meet at entrance to Harridge Woods West at ST 648 484, in Nettlebridge, 1 mile from Oakhill, 4 miles from Shepton Mallet. From Oakhill on A367 Bath Road, turn right off main road on left bend between chevrons, as drop downhill into Nettlebridge valley.

From Norton/Radstock, turn left off A367 opp white cottages into Nettlebridge village, drive to top of lane, park on verge to right of gate, or by gateway.

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